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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12/19/60

WEATHER The temperature for the week averaged about 4 degrees above normal in the north-east and near normal elsewhere. It was cold on Monday, mild on Tuesday and Wednesday. The final four days were near normal with little daily change.

The only moisture in the week was in the form of scattered sprinkles or snow flurries on the 17th; only traces were recorded.

CROPS Many farmers and ranchers were taking advantage of the open weather to do a multitude of chores now that the 1960 harvest season is over. Fence building and repair work, hauling hay and feed, and fall plowing commanded much attention last week. Some snow was on the ground in scattered northern and northwestern sections but snow cover was light and most pastures, ranges and foraging fields were open to grazing.

Winter grains are dormant in most places. These crops are in good to excellent condition, but could use surface moisture most everywhere and a snow cover would help where soil blowing is being experienced. Leaf rust is rather widespread but no real damage is expected from the current infestation. Hessian fly is a threat in some southern counties.

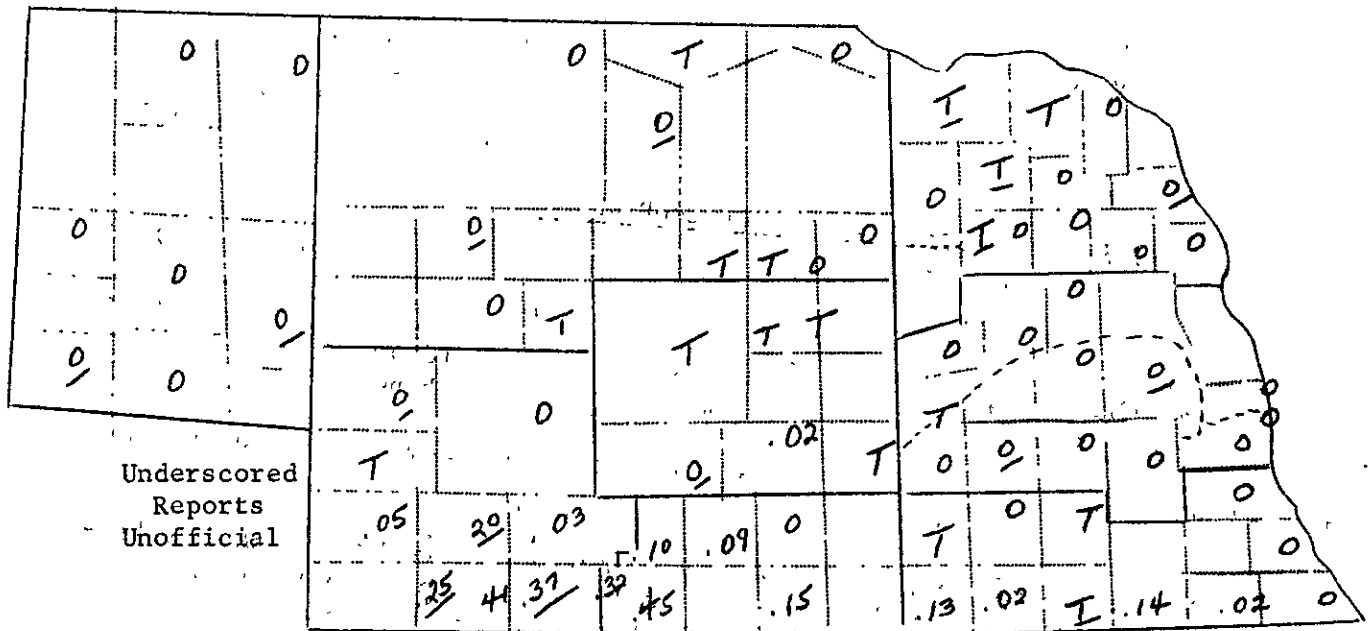
Some corn remains high in moisture content. Livestock are not getting as much fallen grain in harvested corn and milo fields this winter as has been the case in recent years. Some fields are being cleaned up quickly. Pastures and ranges have a good supply of cured feed in all but the western areas that were hit by dry weather. In these areas, the feed supply is short.

LIVESTOCK Recent weather has been exceptionally favorable for livestock. Gains are good and losses are generally light. Local sales are well attended and demand for feeder cattle and calves is quite active. Many farmers are moving hay and feed supplies to winter feeding quarters. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle and calves into Nebraska during November were 133,000 head, down 15 percent from the corresponding month in 1959. Lambs unloaded for feeding amounted to 43,000 head in November 1960 compared with 90,000 head a year earlier.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 19, 1960

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	T	Chadron	0
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	T
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	0			Sidney	T
Sioux City	0				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 16, 1960



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		December		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	38	17	40	23	44	21	29	8	31	7	35	11	40	15		
	Scottsbluff	31	4	35	16	47	19	30	14	33	3	33	15	44	25		
	Sidney	41	17	43	24	47	21	30	14	35	9	43	28	44	27		
NC	Burwell	26	13	54	20	62	20	30	12	35	8	44	9	38			
	Valentine	38	16	47	24	55	25	28	15	30	9	40	14	39	22		
NE	Norfolk	30	19	50	22	59	32	36	16	32	13	40	14	33	14		
	Sioux City	28	15	45	21	54	31	37	11	32	17	40	15	31	14		
CEN	Grand Island	29	22	51	22	58	32	38	14	43	10	42	13	34	18		
	Lincoln	33	19	43	24	53	33	40	17	41	17	41	17	35	17		
	Omaha	29	16	40	22	49	31	38	11	37	16	39	17	33	21		
SW	Imperial	28	17	51	24	56	27	33	14	43	11	48	31	50	27		
	North Platte	29	13	50	19	59	35	34	12	43	9	45	18	48	28		

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